

THE BROOKLYN ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

providing pastoral care for

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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“We live [our] faith by coming together to share our diverse gifts.”

—from the Assumption mission statement

“Blessed by God’s strength, we sustain our community through gifts of time, talent, and treasure.”

—from the St. Boniface mission statement

March 14 – 15, 2020
The Third Sunday of Lent

Assumption: 5:00pm

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Michael Callaghan
INTENTION: Edward F. McGrath
READER: Kevin Neylan
EM: Mary Tucker
MC: Elizabeth DiGuglielmo

St. Boniface: 9:00am

PRESIDER/ PREACHER: Fr. Mark Lane
INTENTION: Kathleen Garber
READER: Colette Desbas, Laurie Rising, Karla Denalli
EM: Robert S. Jones, John Touhey, Robert Miller
HOSPITALITY: Denise Fraser, Anne Tuohy
MC: Jim Connell

Assumption: 10:00am

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. Michael Callaghan
INTENTION: Pro Populo
READER: Reena Raggi
EM: Bridget Farrell, Olivia Rodrigues
MC: Br. James Simon

St. Boniface: 11:15am

PRESIDER/ PREACHER: Fr. Mark Lane
INTENTION: Pro Populo
READERS: Lisa Martinez, Joe Picciano, Catherine McKenna
EM: Mary McDaniel, Chris Morrison, Cathie Srou
HOSPITALITY: Mary Sue Richardson
MC: Meg Mazzeo

St. Boniface: 6:00pm

PRESIDER/PREACHER: Fr. A. J. Rizzo, S. J.
INTENTION: Vincent Gionta
READERS: Angela Loguercio, Ashley McKinless
EM: Patty Evers, Anne Straub, Dona Laughlin
HOSPITALITY: Jack, Angie
MC: Jonathan Lantz

Readings: Ex 17:3/Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 16 March

Lenten Weekday
Assumption: 8:00am
INTENTION: Mae & Salim Karam
St. Boniface: 12:10pm
INTENTION: William McDaniel

Tuesday, 17 March

Lenten Weekday, Saint Patrick, Bishop
Assumption: 8:00am
INTENTION: Rosemary McGrath (Living)
St. Boniface: 12:10pm
INTENTION: Segando, Isabel, & Rosalie Zambrano

Wednesday, 18 March

*Lenten Weekday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
Assumption: 8:00am
INTENTION: Karen Tumulty
St. Boniface: 12:10pm
INTENTION: Jules Peemueller

Thursday, 19 March

*Lenten Weekday, Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Assumption: 8:00am
INTENTION: Domenic Andreassi
St. Boniface: 12:10pm
INTENTION: Joseph Savattieri

Friday, 20 March

Lenten Weekday
Assumption: 8:00am
INTENTION: Serafina Messina
St. Boniface: 12:10pm
INTENTION: Anne Savattieri

WEEKDAY READINGS: <http://www.usccb.org/>

Oratory Prayers For Those Who Are Sick: Brenda Nelson, Lacy Linebarger, Henry Latham, G. Cropper, Cherry Gordon, Leo Callaghan.

Oratory Prayers For Those Who Have Died: Serafina Messina, Domenic Andreassi, Catherine Diorio, Frances Boccaccio-Tebecio.

Confessions at Assumption: Saturdays, 4:15pm- 4:45pm or by appointment.

Confessions at St. Boniface: Wednesdays at 11:45am - noon and Sundays 5:15pm- 5:45pm or by appointment.

Note: Names on the Prayer List for the Deceased are left on for two weeks. Names on the Prayer List for the Sick are left on for three.

BAPTISMS take place on the first Sunday of the month for both parishes. Preparation class is on the third Wednesday of the month. See the website www.oratorychurch.org for dates or call the parish office at 718-875-2096 ext. 13.

SHARED EVENTS

Development Update

We continue to make progress on the relocation of the utilities so the church can continue services uninterrupted through the construction. Workers are currently working on a new connection for electricity and we expect the water service to begin in the next week. The sound and lighting systems are being negotiated and should be relocated within the month.

We expect the parish offices to be moved to a newly renovated space at ABVM at the beginning of May. More details to follow.

As we begin to close down the Willoughby Street buildings we are hoping to hold a church stoop sale and give-away. Stay posted! Some bargains and memorabilia will be available.

A few weeks ago we held a successful trial coffee hour in the back of the church; we will be using the feedback to consider how to maximize the space at the back of the church and continue to hold this important part of our community life.

We fully intend to keep the community ticking along throughout the construction phase of the new development. There has been an encouraging uptick of participation and enthusiasm into the Lenten season (evidenced by the Women's Group, Senior Group and Small Groups).

We hope to see everyone at the 4 PM Sunday March 15 Vespers. The PPC is hosting a small gathering for newly registered members of the Oratory parishes after vespers in Newman Hall.

There has been very encouraging participation in the Lenten small groups (9 groups with 99 participants). The Women's Group held a very successful Mardi Gras celebration (72 participants) and we have had a good response to the newly forming Senior Group (see elsewhere for their next event on March 19).

Stations of the Cross at Assumption

On Friday evenings of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church. Prayer will begin at 5:30pm every week, except for April 10(Good Friday). **Stations will begin at 6:00pm on Good Friday.**

Stations of the Cross at St. Boniface Fridays following the 12:10pm Mass.

First Saturday Mass and Holy Hour at Assumption - Every first Saturday we have Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and meditation. All are welcome to join us from 8:00am-9:00am at Assumption Church.

Assumption Community Clean Up Saturday, April 4

Join us from 10:00am -2:00pm to clean and ready our church and grounds for Holy Week. Lunch will be provided.

The Oratory Parishes Lenten Loose-Change Collection—March 15 Poor Box

At the back of both ABVM and St Boniface you will find "Poor Boxes". The money that is collected is used by the priests and parish staff to assist people in our local community in need. On occasions we are able to buy someone a meal, or a subway ticket, or some other need they are unable to meet. Charity to the poor is a hallmark of our Christian faith. Jesus said: "whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40). Our loose change this Sunday will supplement the Poor Box fund of each parish and enable us to carry out works of charity in the local community. Thank you for your support.

Schedule of Lenten Loose-Change Collections:

March 22– Catholic Relief Services

March 29– Haiti (ABVM) Turkana (StB)

April 5—Faith on the Border Immigration

SHARED EVENTS

Interested in Serving on the St. Boniface Parish Pastoral Council?

The Council is comprised of a diverse group of elected and appointed members drawn from our Faith Community. Acting as liaison between the community and the Oratory clergy and staff, the Council assists the pastor and staff with the development of programs and ministries that foster the spiritual, intellectual, moral and material well-being of our parish and the community at large. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of serving as a Council member, please contact PPC Vice Chair Marybeth Zeman at PPCStBoniface@gmail.com by **March 18**. Feel free to speak to any Council member with whom you may be acquainted.

Members "At large" PPC responsibilities as follows:

Council members are expected to attend monthly meetings, generally on the first Wednesday of the month, an annual one-day retreat, rotating collection Sundays, and support parish activities throughout the year.

At large members often assume responsibilities for activities and events or ad hoc committees as needed and/or assist other standing committee members.

Lenten Sung Vespers- March 15, 4:00pm
Oratory Parishes Lenten Sung Vespers to be held at St. Boniface. Our speaker after the scripture reading this year will be Oratory parishioner Dr. Alice Beal, the Director of Palliative Care at VANYHHS and a Professor of Clinical Medicine at SUNY Downstate.



Energy-Saving tip

Window treatments are not just decorative. They should also be thought of as ways to reduce your energy use. For example, in winter, keep your curtains or shades/blinds open to let in sunlight to help warm each room. For more privacy, use light-colored, loose-weave curtains to allow daylight into the room. Do the opposite in summer. Close curtains or window treatment in summer when sunlight will warm the spaces you want to keep cooler. And seal spaces around windows that let heat escape in winter and cool air escape in summer.

ST Boniface Coffee Hour

Our hosts for today are Cathleen and Tony Srour and Anne Marie and Rudy Kamuf.

March 22nd Coffee Hour Honoring St. Joseph. If you would like to help with this Italian heritage celebration, please email Meg Mazzeo at megmaz@mac.com
All volunteers are welcome!!

St. Boniface Social Justice Action collects food donations for City Harvest throughout the year. In addition to food donations cardboard box donations for packing, as well as pet food for Sean Casey Animal Rescue welcome. Also, if youth in the parish would like to help pack up donations, they can reach out to Julie Fissingner at juliecfm@msn.com
Please place donations inside the seat benches in Newman Hall.



Holy Week and Easter With The Brooklyn Oratory Parishes of Assumption and St. Boniface

Palm Sunday – April 5

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses

- Assumption** 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
Assumption 10:00am Sung Mass
St. Boniface 9:00am Sung Mass
St. Boniface 11:00am Solemn Procession
and Mass with the Oratory Choir
St. Boniface 6:00pm Mass

Day of Reconciliation – Monday, April 6

- Assumption** 3:00pm – 5:00pm Confessions
St. Boniface 4:00pm – 6:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Community Reconciliation Service with
opportunity for confession

Holy Thursday – April 9

- Assumption** 7:00pm Mass of the Upper Room (For Families)
St. Boniface 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Oratory Choir

Good Friday – April 10

- Assumption** 4:00–5:30 pm Confessions
6:00pm Stations of the Cross,
Veneration with Holy Communion
St. Boniface 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
11:00am -12 pm & 1pm - 2pm Confessions
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – April 11

- Assumption** 12 Noon Blessing of Easter Foods
& Midday Prayer
8:00pm Great Vigil of Easter with the Oratory Choir

Easter Sunday – April 12

- Assumption** 10:00am Solemn Mass with the Oratory Choir
St. Boniface 10:00am Mass with the Oratory Choir
St. Boniface 11:30am Mass with the Oratory Choir

Note: NO 9:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses at St. Boniface on Easter Sunday.

SHARED EVENTS



**ORATORY WOMEN'S COMMUNITY
WELCOMES ALL WOMEN OF FAITH AND
PRAYER** - Come explore areas of
shared interest, activities and con-
nections bit.ly/OWCSignUP

**Share in our community and "hostess"
Coffee Hour on April 19, 2020 for our en-
tire faith community bit.ly/OWCCoffee**

We need volunteers: musicians, singers,
women with ideas. Time to celebrate
friends, sisters, daughters, granddaugh-
ters, aunts, nieces and Moms.

Spirituality of the Oratory: Knowing Our Charism

Season 2 "Charity: Habits of Love"

This is a **NEW PROGRAM** about Oratorian
spirituality.

NEW, ORIGINAL materials have been writ-
ten and edited by **Joel Warden**,
and developed by **Brooklyn Oratory**
priests.

If you are unable to attend a group, but
would like to purchase a copy of the book-
let, please send an email to
affc@oratorychurch.org or call 718-875-
2096, ext. 13.

All are welcome to attend the Open Group
that meets on Friday evenings at Assumption
to make-up a missed session or to drop-in for
faith-sharing if you are not in a group.

EASTER PLANTS may be given by individuals
who wish to offer a gift of **best wishes** in the name
of a relative or friend, or as a **memorial** of a de-
ceased relative or friend. The suggested offering
for **each plant is \$20.**

Easter Flower Memorial and Best Wishes re-
quest forms will be available in the back of the
church.

Save the Date:

Saturday May 3 from 9-12

Morning of reflection and training for liturgi-
cal ministers at Assumption Parish. Read-
ers, Greeter/Ushers, Ministers of the Eucha-
rist, Emcees will gather for prayer and for-
mation in our liturgical roles. Details will be
emailed. If you are interested in joining a
ministry, please reach out to Fr. Michael at
mcallaghan@oratorychurch.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

By the grace of God, the following men and
women are continuing on the path towards
full communion with the Catholic
Church. **Matthew Austin, Terri Eoff, Melis-
sa Mock and Sean Yetter** will be received
into full communion with the Catholic Church
at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 11.

**Elizabeth Cardenas, Leah LaBorde, Ciara
Poalillo and Joseph Tomasso** will be con-
firmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. We
ask the Oratory parishes to hold them in
prayer during the coming season of continu-
ing formation and celebration.